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H.B. No. 806

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the punishment for the offense of bail jumping and  
3 failure to appear; increasing a criminal penalty.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 38.10(e), Penal Code, is amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 (e) An offense under this section is a Class B [~~C~~]  
8 misdemeanor if the offense for which the actor's appearance was  
9 required is punishable by fine only, except that the maximum term of  
10 confinement in jail for the offense is three days.

11 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
12 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.  
13 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is  
14 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,  
15 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For  
16 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the  
17 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred  
18 before that date.

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.